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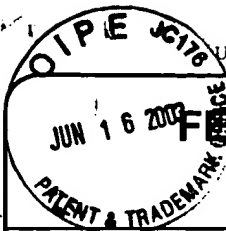
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		Group Art Unit	3731
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## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
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101	750	201	375	Utility filing fee	
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## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid	
73	-37**=	36	X	9.00	=	324.00	
14	-7**=	7	X	42.00	=	294.00	
Claims					=		

Multiple Dependent.

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20	
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claims, if not paid	
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,250	147	2,250	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Application of: Buncke, Harry J.      Docket No.: 013341.000003b  
Reissue Serial No.: 09/919,750      Art Unit: 3731  
Reissue Filed: July 31, 2001      Examiner: Jackson, Gary  
Reissue of: U.S. Patent No. 5,931,855 (U.S. Serial No. 08/859,887)  
For: SURGICAL METHODS USING ONE-WAY SUTURE

**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FOR AMENDMENT A PRESENTING  
ADDITIONAL BROADENING CLAIMS FOR REISSUE APPLICATION**

As the below named inventor and patentee of the above-identified patent and reissue application, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled: SURGICAL METHODS USING ONE-WAY SUTURE.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified Amendment A, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

ERROR AROSE WITHOUT ANY DECEPTIVE INTENTION

Specifically, I failed to claim in the reissue application as filed the one-way sutures and double-armed sutures each in combination with a surgical needle, and also the additional methods of manufacture of one-way sutures and double-armed sutures, as disclosed in the original patent application and as shown in the drawings. This error arose without any deceptive intention on the part of myself, the applicant.

SECTION 1001 OF TITLE 18

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the reissue application or any reissued patent issued thereon.

Inventor's Signature:



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**CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO AMENDMENT A PRESENTING  
ADDITIONAL BROADENING CLAIMS FOR REISSUE APPLICATION**

The undersigned assignee and owner of the entire interest in the above-identified patent and above-identified reissue application hereby consents to the Amendment A presenting additional broadening claims for the above-identified reissue application, which was originally filed as a broadening reissue application on the basis of the applicant having claimed less than he had a right to claim.

Documentary evidence of the undersigned's entire interest in the above-identified patent and above-identified reissue application is found in the recorded Assignment document at:

**Reel No. 013305, Frame No. 0279, recorded December 20, 2002.**

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